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The following items were adopted at the Commission meeting on February 22 and released later that day:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC ORDERS FURTHER RATE REDUCTIONS WHILE PRESERVING INCENTIVES FOR CABLE OPERATORS TO INVEST IN NEW SERVICES; News Media contact: Karen Watson or Susan Sallet at (202) 632-5050; Cable Services Bureau contact: Sandy Wilson at (202) 416-0856 [Internet file name: nrcb4006]

FCC RELEASES FINAL REPORT ON CABLE RATE SURVEY - MM DOCKET 92-226 (Report DC-2571, Action in Docket Case)
Final report of the FCC's survey of cable TV rates reveals that, on average, regulated revenues received from cable services (adjusted for programming shifted to a la carte offerings) have decreased; programming charges have declined slightly; equipment and installation charges have dropped substantially; and subscribers have primarily received benefits from reductions in equipment rates.
News Media contact: Maureen Peratino at (202) 632-5050; Mass Media Bureau contact: Hugh Boyle at (202) 416-0802. [Internet file name: nrcb4004]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS OF THE CABLE TELEVISION CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION ACT OF 1992 - MM Docket 92-266 (Report DC-2568)

The Commission today adopted a Second Order on Reconsideration, Fourth Report and Order, and Fifth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in MM Docket 92-266, Implementation of the Rate Regulation Provisions of the Cable Act of 1992. The Second Order on Reconsideration modifies, among other things, the Commission's previous benchmark approach for determining initial rates of regulated cable systems. The Commission's revised rules will better ensure that consumers are offered regulated services at reasonable rates, and will provide incentives for cable operators to launch new program services and invest in advanced technology. The modified rate regulations will apply to regulated rates in effect on and after the effective date of the new rules; regulated rates in effect before that date will continue to be governed by the old benchmark system.

Action by the Commission February 22, 1994, by R&O and Further NPRM (FCC 94-38).

News Media contact: Karen Watson or Susan Sallet at (202) 632-5050; Cable Services Bureau contact: Patrick Donovan at (202) 416-0856. [Internet file name: nrcb4003]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS OF THE CABLE TELEVISION CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION ACT OF 1992 - MM DOCKET 93-215 (Report DC-2569)

The Commission today announces its adoption of interim rules to govern cost of service proceedings initiated by cable operators.

Action by the Commission February 22 by R&O and Further NPRM (FCC 94-39)).

News Media contact: Karen Watson or Susan Sallet at (202) 632-5050; Cable Services Bureau contact: Patrick Donovan at (202) 416-0856. [Internet file name: nrcb4002]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - THIRD ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION IN CABLE RATE REGULATION AND TIER BUY-THROUGH PROCEEDINGS - MM

DOCKETS 92-266 AND 92-262 (Report DC-2570)

Action by the Commission February 22 by Third Order on Reconsideration (FCC 94-40).

News Media contact: Karen Watson or Susan Sallet at (202) 632-5050; Cable Services Bureau contact: Amy J. Zoslov at (202) 416-0808 and Julia Buchanan at (202) 416-1170. [Internet file name: nrcb4001]

FCC FILES BRIEF CHALLENGING REQUEST FOR

STAY OF FREEZE ON CABLE REVENUES - News

Media contact: Susan Lewis Sallet at (202) 632-5050; Office of General Counsel contact: Richard Welch at (202) 632-6990 [Internet file name: nrcb4005].

COMMISSION ISSUES CABLE SERVICES BUREAU

CONTACT LIST [Internet file name: nrcb4007]

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COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSION FOR REINVENTING

GOVERNMENT [Internet file name: nrnc4004]

DONALD H. GIPS NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF, OFFICE

OF PLANS AND POLICY [Internet file name: nrnc4003]

FCC TO MAKE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON

INTERNET - Office of Public Affairs contact: Rosa Prescott at (202) 632-5050 - FCC's Internet address is ftp.fcc.gov [Internet file name: nrnc4001]

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The following items were released on February 23:

PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED

TELEVISION SERVICE - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG -

FEB. 22

COMMON CARRIER PUBLIC MOBILE SERVICE

INFORMATION - Contact JoAnn Epps at (202) 632-0914 - (four public notices)

Report DBS/PN - 94-03 - DIRECT BROADCAST

SATELLITE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Reports 15742, 15744 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

Report 21828 - BROADCAST ACTIONS

Report 1147 - CABLE TV RELAY SERVICE (CARS)

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report 3486 - CABLE TV ACTIONS

Report PMS-94-21 - COMMON CARRIER PUBLIC

MOBILE SERVICES INFORMATION

Report PMS-94-22-A - COMMON CARRIER PUBLIC

MOBILE RADIO SERVICE INFORMATION

Reports D-736, 736-A - COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

DOMESTIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

Reports DS-1398-9 - COMMON CARRIER SERVICES

INFORMATION

Report I-6930 - INTERNATIONAL AND SATELLITE

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report I-6931 - OVERSEAS COMMON CARRIER

SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS ACTIONS TAKEN

Report I-6932 - OVERSEAS SECTION 214

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report 1071 - PRIVATE RADIO BUREAU - PART 21

RECEIPTS AND DISPOSALS - WEEK OF FEB. 9-16

TEXTS

AT&T V. MCI. Granted AT&T's request to withdraw its damages claims and its request for imposition of forfeitures; severed MCI's petition for declaratory ruling and all related pleadings and incorporated them into File No. ENF-94-02.

(By Order [DA 94-124] adopted February 16 by the Acting Chief, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

ALLNET V. US WEST, ET AL. Petitions by Allnet for reconsideration granted to an extent and otherwise denied; ordered Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. to pay Allnet additional damages in the amount of \$36,757 plus interest. (By MO&O [FCC 93-538] adopted December 9 by the Commission)